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The Last Journey...a Father and Son in Wartime

EVENT: The California Department of Veterans Affairs invites all veterans and friends of veterans to a book signing with Stockton native and author, Darrell R. Griffin Sr. The event will begin with a military type ceremony with the Franklin and Edison High School JRROTC presenting the colors and invocation by LTC (Chaplain, Ret) Liam Moore.

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 2009

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Barnes and Noble Bookstore
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Ave
Stockton, CA 95207

WHO: Darrell R. Griffin Sr. (Author), Roger Brautigan, Acting Secretary, CA Department of Veterans Affairs, SGM (Ret) Richard Pittman, Medal of Honor RVN, 1966, a member of the SJ County Board of Supervisors, Vice-Mayor Dale Fritchen, Becky Mizener, Gold Star Mother of SP4 Jesse Mizener, KIA January 2004 and founder of, *Packed With Pride*, Roberta Taylor, Gold Star Mother of LTC (Dr.) Mark Taylor, KIA March 2004, Flora Brooks, wife of Viet Nam veteran Johnny Brooks, WIA 14 November 1969, and other dignitaries.

BACKGROUND:

"The Last Journey...a Father and Son in Wartime" is a compelling read; son *Skip* began his journal on his first tour of Iraq with a Stryker battalion in 2004. Returning in 2006 with another Stryker battalion he continued his chronology of war. When he was killed, his father vowed to complete "*Skip's*" book. He endured the gauntlet of red tape to travel to Iraq and imbed within the Stryker battalion interviewing his company commander, his platoon and General Petraeus who assisted so well in this journey.

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